



**The Bolivar Liberator Chapter of the
Missouri Pilot's Association**

Our web page --<http://www.orgsites.com/mo/mopilots-bolivar>

Minutes from February 8, 2005

President Bob Pollard called the meeting to order. Visitors were introduced: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ferguson (alderwoman and member of airport board), and Guest speaker, Phil Westerlund, helicopter pilot. Nick Maas led in prayer and then the pledge. The cooks were thanked for yet again, a fabulous meal.

Geri Moore read the minutes, Frankie Stretesky moved we approved the minutes, Johnathan Rimington seconded. Motion passed. Pete Mosca gave the treasurer's report, current balance, \$1913.52. Frankie Stretesky moved that we approve the report, Jonathan Rimington seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Committee: Charlie Hendrickson introduced Patrick Wright as our new member. Welcome Patrick!

Activity committee: Dean Jeffries reported that he is working on a Poker-run some to be held some time in March or April. The February State MPA meeting is next week.

Announcements:

- March 15 -- WINGS program. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Randy Robinson has left a pile of pamphlets for us to distribute wherever we land to share with other chapters.
- April 2 -- Fly out to Hot Springs, meet at airport at 8:30.
- Cookies and coffee will need to be donated for the March 15th WINGS program. Chairs will need to be set up in one of the hangars. Randy Robbins will be coming with others from Columbia. The chapter will be promoting PILOT SAFETY.

Scholarship: No report

New Business:

Jonathan Rimington reported that there is an attempt to do a non-stop flight around the world and it will leave Kansas. Registration to attend this event is by Feb. 12. Web site for information is at <http://www.virginatlanticglobalflyer.com> or Virgin Atlantic Global Flight Staff, Debbie Dar VAAGFI@aol.com

Charlie reported that the City of Bolivar has offered to buy the AWOS for our airport. This still needs to go through committee. It will be 8-12 months before completion. Applause broke out at this point in the meeting. Pilots are truly thankful.

Airport development at Ozark South park is on hold due to procurement of land. Pete Mosca Moved that we adjourn. Jonathan Rimington seconded. Motion passed.

Guest speaker for the evening was Phil Westerlund, from Metro Aviation, Inc. (St. John's Hospital). Phil has over 7,000 hours in rotor-wing aircraft having been a combat pilot in Viet Nam; having flown for wildfire, earthquake, mudslide relief efforts; and having flown Air-Evac, Air-Assualts, and mountain rescues. Phil provided outstanding information on a program titled:

FORMATION FLYING: INFORMATION THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

The following is a non-inclusive list of some of Phil's highlights provided during his presentation. Huge planning session on the ground must occur prior to take off. Determine Comm and Chalk numbers: 1, 2, 3,4, 5, 6, etc. Lead takes off, then the tail radios when last one is up. Lead talks to everyone else: everyone's transponder is off except for the one designated person. Strobes are off except for last one in line. Frequency number and chalk numbers need to be determined prior to take off. Route must be thoroughly discussed, knowing check points, air speeds (consider fastest and slowest planes). Formation needs to be determined along with when and how to change formation:

In your planning determine: Frequency, Formation, Speed, Com, Chalk 1, 2, 3 etc (really know who is talking to whom), Route, Altitude, and Spacing.

Check for VFR and possible IFR conditions. Have a plan if IFR conditions occur in flight. Know what to do if someone's equipment fails, who takes their "assigned task?" Check FARs for restrictions. DEBRIEF afterward: what went right, wrong, what could be better?

For more information contact Phil Westerlund at PhilsGrill_1@HOTMAIL.COM
Thanks to Phil for such enlightening pieces of information.

Respectfully submitted,
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